

Aldermen Vote To Put City in Milk Business

Board Adopts Resolution Ordering Drafting of Necessary Legislation to Put Program Into Effect

Insincerity Is Charged

Municipality Already Has Power Under Home Rule Act of 1913, Says Quinn

The Democratic majority in the Board of Aldermen yesterday adopted a resolution introduced by Alderman Lee, Socialist leader, providing for the investigation of the milk situation in New York City with a view to having legislation enacted at the next session of the State Legislature to enable the municipality to engage in the milk business.

Not all the Democrats voted for the resolution, for many of them joined with the Republicans and some of the Socialists in characterizing the procedure as insincere.

"This resolution which the majority leader has reported out of the Rules Committee," Alderman William F. Quinn, Republican, said, "is a plain case of 'passing the buck.' The former President of this board, now the Governor of this state, has the power if he wants it in this chamber the city had the power to engage in any municipal undertaking by virtue of the municipal home rule act of 1913, provided that the money, and it would seem to be the case, for Mayor Hylan, without any special sanction from the state Legislature, is operating lines of buses. Mayor Hylan now has the power if he is man enough to exercise it."

Called a Campaign

Alderman Baruch C. Vladeck, Socialist, said:

"The sole purpose of the majority in getting behind this is to give them another subject for speeches in the next campaign."

Alderman William F. McGarry, Democrat, also questioned the sincerity of the resolution and asked to be excused from voting on it. His request was granted.

"I'm tired of this endless investigation," he said, "and I'm tired of the city being run by a committee of men who are getting rich by the sale of milk. I have seen this administration give hundreds of thousands of dollars for salary raises for men already receiving \$5,000, \$6,000 and \$7,000 and more a year. And it would seem to be the case, for Mayor Hylan, without any special sanction from the state Legislature, is operating lines of buses. Mayor Hylan now has the power if he is man enough to exercise it."

Boycott of Distributors Urged

Alderman John Wirth, Republican, called upon citizens to boycott the milk distributors and organize a New York milk party, "patterned after the Boston Tea Party."

"These investigations get you nowhere," Mr. Wirth said. "Let us do what I suggest and we will not only put an end to butter, cheese, cream, meat and shoe profiteers, but we will put an end to the milk business."

"I'm against this talk of New York milk parties," said Alderman Barnett B. Scott, Socialist, "to graduate all this talk of direct action from our proceedings."

Summary of Resolution

The resolution, entitled "Concerning Municipalization of the Milk Trade," called for the creation of a special committee of seven to prepare and report to the board not later than the first meeting in December, a plan for the municipalization of the milk business, including the purchase, transportation, handling, selling and delivering milk and products, for the use of the inhabitants of the city, together with a draft of such legislation as may be necessary to put the plan into effect.

The committee on Rules, of which Alderman William F. Kennedy, Democrat, is chairman, is the chairman, in reporting out the resolution, said it was in full accord with its purpose and recommended that the subject be referred over to the Committee on Legislation of the Board, to work out a plan in conjunction with the Commissioner of Markets.

Alderman Lee, leader of the Socialists, charged the two big milk distributing plants in the city are controlled by the Standard Oil, which fixes the price of milk.

Reports on Boycott Of Milk Differ Widely

Public Behind Us, Says Community Councils; Sales Unaffected, Declares Copeland

Reports on the effectiveness of the milk boycott called by the Community Councils differed widely yesterday. Alderman Lee, Socialist leader, said the boycott was a success, and that the sales of milk were falling off.

L. A. Von Bommel, of the Sheffield Farm Company, said his company had found it necessary to obtain additional milk because of the demand.

The milk receipts at the local railroad freight stations were reported as normal, indicating that distributors had not ordered the dairymen to cut down their supplies.

Arthur Williams, Federal Food Administrator, was inclined to agree with Dr. Copeland on the inadvisability of a milk boycott. He thought the situation should not be helped by stirring up a milk strike, but would be further complicated. Legislation giving state control of milk distribution would be of real assistance in relieving the discontent over the milk price, he said.

A milk strike is a good thing, said Jonathan C. Day, Commissioner of Public Markets, said. He believed the consumers should register some protest, even if only to show the distributors that the public has some power, he said, and favored a law creating a commission with absolute power over the distribution and production of milk.

Governor Smith notified the officers of Community Councils yesterday he

Tapir Captured When Drunk Wakes Up in 'Dry' America

Accustomed to Sipping Liquor With Meals in Jungle, Queer Creature Becomes Too Soused to Care and Is Trapped in South America

A South American tapir, which sips intoxicants with his meals and frequently gets drunk in his jungle home along the Amazon, was brought to dry America yesterday from Para on board the Lamport & Holt liner Byron. He was one of several hundred odd creatures of the Brazilian wilds which were captured alive by Fred Bartels, animal dealer and hunter, who had passed nearly six months below the equator in pursuit of game.

Mr. Bartels was in the ship's hospital when the Byron docked in Brooklyn yesterday, nursing wounds of the hands, face and ankles, all reminders of vicious attacks by his animal captives when he sought to care for them during the voyage from Para. While men from his menagerie were listening to his advice on how to handle the animals Mr. Bartels told about the tapir that likes booze.

He is called a water tapir," he said, "because he swamps the Amazon and gets his food from exposed roots in marshy places, but his liquid refreshment is by no means all water. In the

hot regions of the Brazilian forests this tapir finds plenty of mushy roots, which he ferments, and the liquor he gets from this root beer has the kick of New England hard cider.

The tapir is naturally a 'wet,' and is full of fight if cornered. If he has a moderate jug he can run well, but if well soused lies down and doesn't seem to care who takes him. I have a quantity of these jag-producing roots for the tapir and will get more after January 16."

Baboon Also Likes Liquor

Another alien of the animal kingdom in the hold of the Byron was a sort of Brazilian baboon, ferocious and powerful. It, too, had a taste for liquor, and being deprived of today was vicious throughout the trip. This man-monkey of the Bartels collection is four feet tall when standing upright, and on several occasions was mistaken for a coal trimmer coming off watch.

According to Mr. Bartels this breed of monkey is rare in captivity, preferring suicide to being tamed.

Boa constrictors, wild cats, toucans, parrots and blackbirds were part of the floating menagerie. There also were 700 parakeets.

Wife Murder Trial Hinges on Doctors' Conflicting Views

Medical Examiner Norris Believes Woman Leaped Out of Window; Strangled and Flung Out, Says Schultze

The trial of Michael Troy, former caddy on the Van Cortlandt Park golf links, charged with the murder of his wife, Bessie Cook Troy, one-time page girl at the Pennsylvania Hotel, whose body was found May 4 last on the sidewalk in front of 1455 Amsterdam Avenue, where the Troys lived, began before Judge Mulqueen in General Sessions yesterday.

Dr. Charles Norris, chief medical examiner, and Dr. Otto H. Schultze, medical assistant to the District Attorney, differ on the medical features of the case. Dr. Norris maintains that Mrs. Troy leaped out of the window of her apartment and that death was due to the fall. Dr. Schultze says that the woman was first strangled and her body flung to the pavement.

George N. Brothers, a District Attorney, is prosecuting Troy, while Arthur C. Train and Charles A. Perkins, former District Attorneys, are defending him. William Church, 30-year-old, former chairman of the Democratic State Committee, is Troy's attorney.

Next on the stand was Dr. George B. Magrath, medical examiner of Suffolk County, Mass., and Dr. Douglas Symmes, pathologist, of Bellevue Hospital, who will be witnesses for the defense.

Yesterday was given over to questioning of Patrolman Bart Wilson, who discovered Mrs. Troy's body, and Patrolman John Karl, who rushed to the scene and tapped the pavement with his nightstick.

Mrs. Warren's Murder Defense To Be Insanity

Lawyer Says Her Father and Uncle Died in Asylum; Prosecutor Ready to Try Her

At the request of Mrs. Clara Warren, confessed slayer of Mrs. Clara Branch at Lynbrook, L. I., last Friday, Charles N. Wyson, former District Attorney of Nassau County, was called into the case yesterday to defend her.

Mr. Wyson participated in the defense of Dr. Walter Keene Wilkins, who committed suicide after having been convicted of the murder of his wife at Long Beach. After a two-hour conference with Mrs. Warren in the Mineola jail, he announced that his defense would be insanity. He has earned, he said, that her father, James Berlin, died in an insane asylum, and that an uncle, George Jarvis, also died in an asylum.

He declared that Mrs. Warren said to him, "Sometimes I think I am crazy, for I don't know what I am doing. I must have been crazy, otherwise I would not have done this." He says she insists that Mrs. Branch was going to shoot her and that she acted in self defense.

District Attorney Charles R. Weeks says he is ready to go ahead with the trial. Some phases of the crime have been cleared up. It was reported that a portion of the money taken by Mrs. Warren from the dead woman was used to obtain some papers from a trunk that had been held at Reisenweber's Hotel for a year. The papers, it was developed, were many of the theatrical contracts which Mrs. Warren said she turned over to Catherine Hayes, an actress, living at 317 Linden Street, Brooklyn.

District Attorney Weeks said that Catherine Hayes was to appear at his office this afternoon.

Valuable Stamps Sunk With Col. Green's Yacht

Wrecked Craft Has Been Raised, but Fear Exists Curious Have Been Ruined

Colonel E. H. R. Green's yacht, the United States which was wrecked near New London August 20, has been raised and is in drydock, but Colonel Green's noncollectible stamps are still unable to estimate the damage. This is because a considerable part of Colonel Green's valuable stamp collection was on board and water got into the safes in which the stamps were kept. It is feared some rare specimens may be irreparably damaged.

It was reported that among the stamps on board were forty-three copies of the one hundred known to be in existence of the twenty-four cent United States Airmail stamp printed with center inverted. Colonel Green announced yesterday that the entire sheet of one hundred stamps for a price said to have been in excess of \$20,000, but later disposed of a limited number of copies to other collectors.

Among the other stamps reported to have been on board were the Colonel's wonderful collection of unused stamps with plate numbers attached and the Scott Nelson collection of stamps on the original covers.

Anthrax Victim Cured

Agnes Salerno, an employee in a shaving brush factory, who was taken to Bellevue Hospital November 1 suffering from anthrax, was discharged as cured last night. Bellevue physicians attribute her recovery to the use of the Eichen serum, which has cured six of the two victims of the disease treated at Bellevue Hospital in the last four years.

Changes in Tax Law Puzzle to Many Citizens

Failure to Complain of Errors Before November 29 Promises to Leave High Assessments Standing

Stocks and Bonds Exempt Personal Levy Is Virtually Limited to Furniture, Jewelry, Clothing, Etc.

Because of failure of many persons to receive notices of the amount of their personal property tax assessment, and unfamiliarity with the changes made in the personal property tax law by the new state income tax law, many persons, it was said yesterday, are allowing themselves to become subject to a personal property tax assessment greatly in excess of the amount for which they properly are assessable.

It has been the custom each year for the commissioners of the Board of Taxes and Assessments to send out notices of the amount of the assessments, although not required to do so by law. This year many persons whose names appeared upon the tax books have not yet received any notice, although, in answer to inquiries made at the offices of the Board of Taxes and Assessments in Manhattan, the statement was made that such notices had been sent out this year to all persons whose names appeared upon the assessment roll. Assessment rolls were made up and inspection on October 1, and will remain open for inspection until November 29, which is the last day upon which applications may be made to reduce assessments of personal property.

Property Owned October 1 Governs A resident of the city is subject to personal taxation in the borough in which he or she resides upon the basis of the personal property owned on October 1, either individually or as a partner. Non-residents are subject to personal property taxation upon tangible personal property within the city, such as household furniture and jewelry, and those doing business here are taxable upon the capital invested in the business within this state.

In fixing the amount of the assessment the tax commissioners apparently have not attempted to learn how each taxpayer is affected by the exemption provided in the new law but proceeded as in other years, leaving it to each taxpayer to swear off as much of his assessment as possible. If an application for reduction is made before November 29 the tentative assessment becomes final and after November 29 it is fixed on the permanent record.

Personal assessment he must wait until his outstanding bill reaches the office of the corporation counsel, who ultimately, under the custom followed for years, will bring an action in the Supreme Court, and summon the debtor. Then, if wrongly assessed, a person may deal with the Law Department, or if he is unable to do so, the corporation counsel should be contacted.

Stocks and Bonds Exempted The greatest single change in the personal property tax law is contained in Section 32 of the state income tax law, reading, in part, as follows:

"... money on hand, on deposit or at interest, bonds, notes and choses in action, and shares of stock in corporations other than banks and banking associations, owned by any individual, partnership, firm, company, corporation, or trust, shall not be included in the valuation of the personal property included in the assessment of the several tax districts, villages, school districts and special tax districts of the state."

Under this provision assessment of personal property is practically limited to household furniture, jewelry, clothing, etc., upon which there is an exemption of \$1,000, machinery, merchandise, animals, vehicles and, in addition, accounts and bills receivable and investments from which no income is received. Automobiles upon which the state license is paid, money on deposit in savings banks and shares of stock in banking institutions, are exempted from personal property taxation under other provisions of law. All bank accounts, money due upon open accounts, notes, etc., securities and investments from which no income is derived are exempt from personal property taxation. This is the first time that this change in the law has been in operation.

Income Tax Exemptions A further provision of the income tax law provides that corporations which are subject to taxation upon their personal property or capital stock, whether they apply to foreign corporations has not yet been finally determined. The only corporations whose income is not subject to income tax are holding corporations, public service, insurance, banking corporations and corporations wholly engaged in the purchase, sale and holding of real estate for themselves. The names of many exempt corporations appear upon the tax books and will remain there unless steps are taken by the corporations to have the assessment stricken from the roll.

The assessment books are kept, and the tax commissioners meet for the purpose of examining applications for reductions of assessments in the various boroughs of the city, as follows: Manhattan, ninth floor Municipal Building; Brooklyn, 505 Fulton Street; Bronx, Tremont and Arthur streets; Richmond, Borough Hall, St. George; and Queens, Municipal Building, Long Island City.

Kermit Roosevelt Sails Goes to South America on Business; Accompanied by Mother

Captain Kermit Roosevelt, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Theobald Roosevelt, will sail today on the steamship Vauban for Rio de Janeiro, South America. The captain is connected with the Kerr-McGee Oil Company, and his trip is for business purposes.

While away he will visit cities in Chile, Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil. He and his mother will return to this country in the first week in January.

"Live Longer Week" Begins Jan. 2, Says Dr. Copeland

Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Commissioner of the Department of Health, announced yesterday that the week beginning January 2 next would be known as "Live Longer Week."

The health department, Dr. Copeland said, is developing elaborate plans for carrying a health message to every inhabitant in the greater city during the seven days beginning on that date.

Fur trimmed

Costs of this sort are in three-quarter length size, with nutria collar, in domestic cloth, \$115. With red beaver in English cloth and full length \$275.

Second floor, Old Building.

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Good morning!
This is November 19!
The weather will probably be fair.

Eight Days from Today Brings Us to the

Thanksgiving Holiday

After that, the Christmas holiday buying begins in great earnest, and the days are all too few. Counting from day to day to Christmas Eve, there are only thirty-two days of eight and a half hours each, and possibly in December half an hour longer.

Thousands of people visited us last week to see what we have done to get ready. It was a real pleasure to look at the happy crowds, the mothers and fathers with their little ones, who came not to buy, but to see and enjoy the brightness of the new things and to go home to talk over the sights and make a list of the presents to be got when they come again.

How good it is for the public to be at home here, without ever being urged or expected to buy until ready!

This Big Place Is Full of the Best Things to Be Found

Probably you will say as was said every day last week:

"How fine!"

"How lovely!"

"Better than ever!"

Well, come along and enjoy things, whether you buy or not. While the stocks of everything are very large, just now, the worst of it is, we know we can replace hardly anything we have after it is sold.

Any one wishing to select anything may have it kept here for December delivery.

(Signed)

John Wanamaker
November 19, 1919.

Horse show

At the Horse Show this week one sees a great many smart women who are wearing severely tailored and belted and pocketed suits, and carrying their topcoats over their arms.

One knows that they have just motored in to see a favorite horse, to watch a bit of jumping, to arrange for entries.

For this sort of thing are

"Dumbarton" suits

those easy, well-cut and beautifully fitting suits for town and country, made of a firm knitted fabric with a brushed wool surface. In English cut models, featuring Norfolk jackets, straight pockets, notch collars, and a dozen small details that make country clothes easy to wear and town clothes smart to look at. This type of suit answers the same purpose for the smart American woman that her ever-trusty tweeds do for the English woman.

In heather mixtures, such as bronze heather, brown heather, bronze and oxford gray and mid-night blue.

Prices \$29.75 to \$49.50.

As to Topcoats

to be worn with this type of suit, perhaps the smartest and most satisfactory is the topcoat of

Natural colored Camel's hair

In the Women's Coat Sales are several models of camel's hair coats, but in English and domestic cloth.

At \$45, \$59.50, \$69.50, \$75 and \$95.

At \$69.50 is an ever-so-smart three-quarter length coat of English natural colored camel's hair, made with a tie around string belt and patch pockets. (Illustrated.)

At \$95 is a very English looking patch pocketed and belted raglan coat of domestic camel's hair polo cloth.

Second floor, Old Building.

More women than there are dresses will be interested today in Women's silk frocks reduced to \$39.50

Of Satin

is a navy blue ruffle dress—and the girdle is a narrow ribbon of French blue and gold. Draped lines are followed in two frocks—one of them featuring the basque, blouse, and side drape of the overskirt; the other using drapery in the front of the skirt and an embroidered and beaded blouse of simple lines.

Duvetyn binds the straight overskirt, sleeves and round neck of navy blue or taupe satin frock.

Of Crepe de Chine

are two frocks. You will appreciate their excellent lines; one frock has several parallel tucks half way up the straight skirt; a long straight collar and vestee of the material. In navy blue or black.

The frocks were \$45.

Second floor, Old Building.

Crepe de chine blouses

New—Beautifully tailored

A woman cannot have too many properly-made blouses of crepe de chine. They give one a well-groomed and immaculate appearance. They are ideal blouses, easily tubbed, and give long service.

New models arrived this week in the Blouse Shop—the sort that are sure to give satisfaction and pleasure.

Very satisfactory is a model with a good turnover collar—the sort that fits up in the back and falls open in front, giving graceful, good long lines. The pleats down the front are made of fine tucking which graduates into half-inch tucks. Good mannish cuffs. There is a yoke across the shoulders in back, which makes the blouse set particularly well; \$13.50.

Another good model has a convertible high, low collar. It is finished with hemstitching and buttons; \$10.

Very smart is a blouse with a high turnover stock collar. This blouse depends upon fine pin tucking for its style; \$14.

Quite unusual is a blouse with a quaint turnover collar. This blouse is trimmed with silk braid, which forms an attractive design; \$14.

Little knife-pleated frills finish the collar and cuffs of a most becoming blouse of the shirt type. The front has fine tucking. It is absolutely ideal; \$14.

These are the sort of blouses women love. There are many styles to choose from in dress and white; new models are arriving regularly.

Third floor, Old Building.

A Thanksgiving collection of Oriental rugs

KASHAN, SAROUK, KERMANSHAH and other individual Persian weaves, exquisite in design and coloring. And—in view of the scarcity of fine Oriental rugs—very low in price.

Some examples—

—Including Bidjar, Sarouk, Chinese, Tabriz, Kermanshah, Serapi, Kashan and Shah-Abbas.

Sarouk Rugs

Finest quality, beautiful colors; sizes average 3.6 x 5 feet, \$145 to \$275; sizes 4 x 6 feet, 4.6 x 6.6 feet, \$275 to \$550.

Persian Hall Strips

Sizes 2.6 to 3.8 feet wide by 9 ft. to 29.6 ft. long, \$75 to \$650.

Mats

Anatolian, Senna, Sarouk, Cashmere, \$10, \$15, \$25, \$45, \$50, \$75.

Hearth and Scatter Sizes

Mosouls, \$47.50, \$57.50, \$67.50, \$75 to \$125. Antique and modern Cabistans and Daghestans, \$65 to \$150.

Chinese Rugs

Large range of colorings—blue, tan, old rose and old ivory, \$32.50, \$39.50, \$49.50 up to \$85, for the small sizes; \$65, \$75, \$85, up to \$175 for medium and hearth sizes.

Fourth Gallery, New Building.

Paris sends new veilings

Two very becoming styles. The sort the very smart woman is always looking for, and has often had a hard time finding, since the war.

One is a fine fillet hair-line mesh with a little chenille dot; in taupe, black and navy; in black-onyx, \$15.00.

The other is a plain little veil—very good, strong mesh; a veil that will wear very well; in taupe, brown, black, navy and sand; \$5.00.

Main floor, Old Building.



Enchanting Venetian glass table-sets—Newly arrived

Au Quatrieme

For this long time Au Quatrieme has been able to get sets of different size glasses in only this lovely fragile glass. Complete table-sets have been difficult to procure, but at last we have received, from Murano, in casks packed with fragrant seaweed whole sets of this glass, from tiny salt cellars to the large bowls for the centre-piece.

Venetian glass has such decided individuality that it is difficult to combine it with any other sort of glass for table use. That is why we have taken such particular care to design complete sets so that nothing will be wanting for the glass service of an entire dinner set.

The sets consist of 72 pieces, including three sizes of glasses, finger bowls and plates. The proportion of the various pieces has been carefully worked out in relation to the accompanying pieces in the set. Price \$200 set.

Finger Bowls

in single dozen sets are in most lovely shapes. In green and pale amber; \$60 the dozen.

Venetian Glass Fruit

Venetian glass fruit with its delicious color and highly decorative shapes has also been difficult to get. This new shipment of glass brought casks of the most lovely and amusing fruit we have seen. There are peaches, apples, apricots, mandarins, figs and bananas; \$2.50 each.

Single Glass Flowers

Exquisitely colored and very lovely, indeed, for the table. In tulips, lilies, roses, daisies, and other tropical looking blossoms; \$3.00 each.

Salt Cellars

In three decorative shapes, in white, green and amber glass; \$1.50 and \$2.50.

Tall Beakers

with wide mouths and made of bubble-blown glass; in clear white glass and green, \$4, \$7, \$15 and \$18.

Flower Blocks

to put in Venetian glass bowls to hold the stems of flowers. In decorative shapes. In amber and green, \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$7.50.